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**REQUEST**

The Examiner is requested to confirm in a further communication that the drawings filed May 8, 2001, are acceptable or advise the undersigned of any specific objection or rejection of the same.

The present paper is not being filed in response to the Office Action of December 23, 2004. The present paper is being filed as the Office Action of December 23, 2004 and previously-issued Office Action do not indicate the status of the indicated filed drawings.

Respectfully submitted,

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